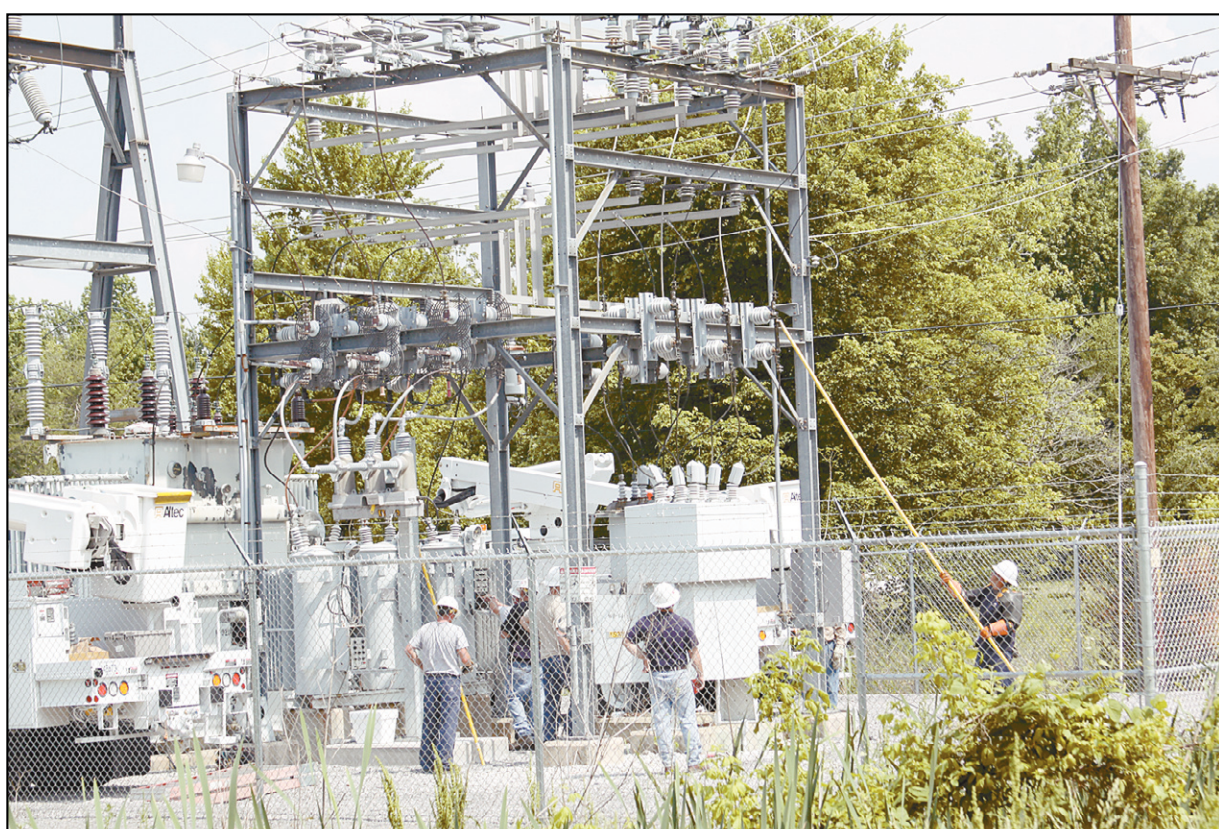


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FIFTY CENTS



KENTUCKY UTILITIES employees work Sunday to restore power to the city after a bird was caught in a regulator at the substation behind Food Giant, knocking out power to 966 KU customers. Transformers were tested in the station before the substation circuit was re-energized. Electricity was off from 10:05 a.m. to 2:42 p.m.

Police Department Makes Plans For June Poker Run

Dawson Springs Chief of Police Bill Crider spoke to the local Chamber of Commerce at Tuesday's meeting. He outlined plans for the City of Dawson Springs Poker Run which is scheduled for June 2. Crider said plans are for the poker run to become an annual event to benefit the city in some way. The mayor will decide each year where the money is needed most. Proceeds from this year's event will go to the Darby House.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the gazebo. The first riders will leave at 10 a.m. with the last in at 2 p.m. Stops will be made in Princeton, Grand Rivers, Cadiz and Hopkinsville. Crider said people who do not have motorcycles have expressed an interest in participating, so the run has been opened to all vehicles.

The entry fee is \$10 per driver and \$5 per passenger. Extra hands may be purchased for \$5 each with a limit of three total hands per person.

More than \$1,000 in prizes will be awarded including \$200 for the best hand, \$100 for the worst hand and door prizes such as gift cards, coolers, car care products and gift certificates from local businesses.

Prizes will be announced at 2:15 p.m., and free refresh-

Darby House To Benefit From Spaghetti Dinner

A community spaghetti supper will be held May 25 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Dawson Springs Community Center.

The cost of the meal, which includes spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert and drink, is \$5. Tickets are available at the door or may be purchased in advance at the Darby House.

Proceeds will go to the Main Street program and for the preservation of the Darby House.

ments will be served upon return.

A goal of \$1,000 has been set, but Crider hopes to go over that amount.

"The idea is to promote Dawson Springs and to do

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Program Will Feed Local Students Free Breakfast, Lunch

Superintendent Alexis Seymore announced Tuesday that the Dawson Springs School System will begin participating in the Community Eligibility Option beginning with the start of school next year.

The Community Eligibility Option is a federal program which allows all students to eat school breakfast and school lunch free of charge. In order to qualify for this program, a school or school district must meet certain criteria pertaining to numbers of students whose families receive certain kinds of federal assistance programs.

To qualify for the Community Eligibility Option, at least 40 percent of students in the school must be on food stamps or KTAP.

The initial program will last for five years. At the end of that time, the school system will have to requalify to continue the program.

"This does not in any way affect those students who already receive

free lunch. They are already getting breakfast and lunch free, so obviously there is no benefit to them. It does affect those students who pay for breakfast and lunch every day," Seymore said. "I am very excited to be able to do this for the overall nutrition of our students, and I am very glad to be able to offer this program to our parents who have jobs and work hard but need every penny to survive in today's economy. This will be a big help to them. If a family has a couple of children in school, breakfast and lunch can easily cost \$75 to \$100 per month."

While the program provides that the regular breakfast and lunch are free, any "extras" the children might purchase must be paid for. According to Seymore, many students, especially in the high school, purchase extra portions of various foods.

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School Board Moves Forward In Search For Superintendent

Dawson Springs Public Schools are making progress toward finding a new superintendent. The Board of Education has established the superintendent screening committee.

Following the required procedures established in KRS 160.352, the following people will serve on the Dawson Springs Public Schools' superintendent screening committee: board appointee, Chris Smiley; principal representative, Jennifer Ward; teacher representative, José Labrador; teacher representative, Susie

Lovell; classified representative, Joe Loney; parent representative, Steven Parker.

According to Dawson Springs Public Schools Board Policy 02.1, the superintendent screening committee has the following responsibilities:

- Screen all candidates;
- Employ any reasonable means it chooses to screen candidates;
- Report its recommendations to the board on the prescribed date; and
- Consider additional responsibilities as assigned by the board.

Average Gas Prices In Kentucky Fall

Average retail gasoline prices in Kentucky have fallen 7.3 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.64 Sunday. This compares with the national average that has fallen 2.9 cents per gallon in the past week to \$3.77 per gallon according to gasoline price Web site Kentucky GasPrices.com.

Gas prices in Dawson Springs as of noon Tuesday were \$3.74 per gallon, 5 cents lower than one week ago.

Including the change in gas prices in Kentucky during the past week, prices Sunday were 22.2 cents per gallon lower than on the same day one year ago and are 23 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 13.4 cents per gallon during the past month and stands 15.9 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"I'd probably sound like a broken record at this point if I were to tell folks that crude prices breached and fell under \$100 late last week. I'm sure I'll be flooded with motorists asking why gasoline prices haven't fallen yet," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "Either way, it's great news for motorists — but some hot spots may burn motorists before they see any sizable relief. When I mention hot spots, I'm thinking of the West Coast where supply has dropped considerably, causing tightness and perhaps higher prices. The rest of the country, however, should see short term relief continue ahead of Memorial Day, easing unfounded fears of the national average hitting \$5 per gallon or even \$4 per gallon."



A CAR travels over the overpass on White School Road Tuesday afternoon. A portion of the road will be closed to facilitate removal of the existing overpass and construction of a new bridge.

Section Of White School Road To Close For Bridge Removal

Ky. 2619/White School Road in Caldwell County will be closed at the I-69/Western Kentucky Parkway overpass beginning Monday.

The closure at mile point 0.184 is to facilitate removal of the existing overpass and construction of a new bridge at the site. This closure point on Ky. 2619 is between Board Road and Ky. 2612.

This work will include some lane restrictions and shifts for traffic on Interstate 69 as the work progresses. Motorists should be alert for this work zone.

This is part of ongoing work along I-69/Western Kentucky Parkway between Eddyville and the Pennyrlie Parkway interchange required to meet interstate highway standards.

As a reminder, traffic along I-69 remains restricted to one lane at several locations between Interstate 24 and the Pennyrlie Parkway interchange for ongoing upgrades.

Motorists should slow down and be alert for slow-

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Retired Businessmen Die In Past Week

The funeral for Dr. Joe D. Winfrey, 81, of Dawson Springs, will be held at 10 a.m. today (Thursday) at the Dawson Springs Primitive Baptist Church.

Winfrey practiced dentistry in Dawson Springs from 1958 until he retired in 1998.

A complete obituary appears on page A-4.

A graveside service was held Monday at Rosedale Cemetery for longtime local businessman Michael Ray Midkiff Jr., 66.

Midkiff owned and operated Mike's IGA Foodliner in Dawson Springs for 34 years after purchasing the business from Ralph and Harriet Kavanaugh.

A complete obituary is on page A4.

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Tractor-Trailer Overturns While Trying To Avoid Deer

A single-vehicle injury collision May 1 on the Pennyrile Parkway was investigated by Kentucky State Police.

Preliminary investigation revealed Jeffrey L. Gardner, 54, of Evansville, Ind., was operating a tractor-trailer carrying roofing when he swerved to avoid a deer in the road. He lost control of the vehicle, and

it exited the right side of the road, struck a road sign and overturned onto its passenger side. It came to rest partially blocking the southbound lanes.

Gardner was transported by ambulance to Regional Medical Center for treatment. He was wearing a seat belt.

Trooper John McGehee conducted the investigation.

Madisonville Man Arrested For Hanson Area Burglaries

A 19-year-old Madisonville resident was arrested by the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department for multiple burglaries in the Hanson area. In late April, the sheriff's office received multiple burglary complaints from the Stagecoach Road and J.D. Buchanan Road areas.

As a result of investigations into the complaints, Ethan Davis was charged with two counts of third-degree burglary of storage buildings and one

count of first-degree burglary of a residence. Deputies were able to recover a large portion of the stolen property, including some tools and a four-wheeler. However, some of the property, including a second four-wheeler, has not yet been located.

Anyone with information regarding these crimes or the whereabouts of remaining stolen property is encouraged to contact the sheriff's office.

Scott Troutman was the reporting deputy.

KSP Issues April Report

For the month of April, Kentucky State Police Post 2 issued a total of 1,744 citations, 652 speeding citations, 168 seat belt citations, 17 child restraint citations, and 680 courtesy notices. They arrested 33 impaired drivers, investigated 68 traffic crashes, assisted 161 stranded

motorists, responded to 896 calls for service, made 131 criminal arrests and opened 54 criminal cases.

Three fatal crashes resulting in the loss of three lives were reported in the Post 2 District in April. Two fatalities occurred in Hopkins County, and one occurred in Christian County. None of the victims was wearing a seat belt.

Through April 30, 2011, eight people had been killed in eight crashes in the Post 2 District.

Throughout the month, troopers will conduct traffic safety checkpoints in the Post 2 District. At the checkpoints, troopers will be targeting impaired drivers, checking for properly restrained adults and children and observing for any other safety violations. For traffic safety checkpoint locations in your area, refer to the Web site: www.kentuckystatepolice.org/posts/press/post2_checkpoints.htm.

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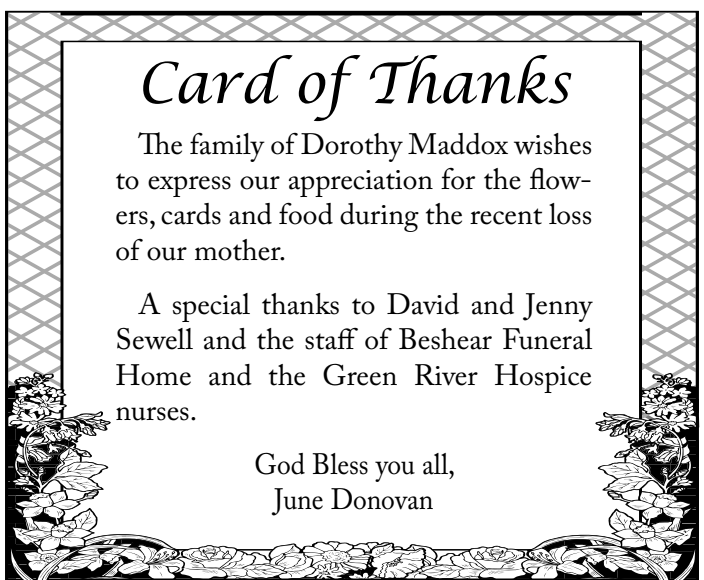
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The family of Dorothy Maddox wishes to express our appreciation for the flowers, cards and food during the recent loss of our mother.


A special thanks to David and Jenny Sewell and the staff of Beshear Funeral Home and the Green River Hospice nurses.

God Bless you all,
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CHARLIE BESHEARS, Hopkins County magistrate, meets with Kentucky League of Cities development advisor Bobbie Bryant Thursday, April 19. Beshears is a member of the newly formed steering committee.

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Hopkins Co. Health Dept. Issues Restaurant Report

The following restaurant inspections were conducted by the Hopkins County Health Department April 27–May 3.

A food service establishment must earn a minimum score of 85 with no critical violations in order to pass. Follow-up inspections of restaurants which do not meet that criteria will be conducted.

America's #1 Health Store — 100
No violations.

Grapevine Elementary School — 99
Minor violation:
•Ice buildup in bottom of walk-in freezer.

Hammack-Moore House B&B — 100
No violations.

Hanson County Store — 100
No violations.

Hardee's — 95
Minor violations:
•Syrup spillage on syrup bottle
•Walls in walk-in cooler need repairing
•Ceiling by walk-in unit needs repair
•Food spillage in various cooling units
•Duct tape on door gasket in stainless unit
•Electrical cover missing on outlet allowing food particles to accumulate
•Grease on floor behind large grill
•Shelf covering in need of repair by ice cream
•Faucet dripping on sink in women's restroom.

Immaculate Conception Bingo — 99
Minor violation:
•Dust and lint buildup on top of freezer.

The Lake House & Spring Lake Woods — 100
No violations.

M & J's Pizza — 100
No violations.

Madisonville Market Place — 95
Minor violations:
•Okra stored on floor in walk-in freezer
•Water spillage on floor under cooker
•Lights out in hood vents
•Rusty shelves in walk-in freezer
•Floor in poor repair in walk-in freezer
•Debris buildup on cooler shelves
•Floor in poor repair in meat cooler
•Walkway into meat cooler in poor repair.

Martin and Baylay Inc. (Huck's North Side) — 98
Minor violations:
•Microwave in need of cleaning
•Floor in need of repair in kitchen area.

Oakridge Retirement Center — 100
No violations.

Ruby Lodge & Spring Lake Woods — 99
Minor violation:
•Light out in hood vent.

Y.A.A. Food Concession — 97
Minor violations:
•Thermometers needed in all cooling units
•Light shields needed in kitchen area.

Jennie Stuart Negotiates To Remain In Humana Network

For the benefit of patients, Jennie Stuart Medical Center is trying in good faith to extend contract negotiations with Humana to remain a participating healthcare provider. Humana wrote JSMC in March demanding that by June 1 the not-for-profit hospital agree to give the large, for-profit health insurer a deeper discount for care that JSMC already provides.

JSMC has communicated its willingness to negotiate with Humana and several times has requested an extension to do so, according to Sam Brown, vice president of financial services.

"We must protect the financial viability of this community's hospital. It is a tough time in the hospital industry, and many of the nation's hospitals are seeing expenses exceed revenues. That was the case for Jennie Stuart Medical Center last year. At the same time, the health insurance industry is doing quite well, and Humana experienced a large profit the last several years. Any additional discount would boost Humana's profitability while having a negative financial impact on Jennie Stuart," Brown said.

JSMC is one of the most efficient and cost effective healthcare providers in Western Kentucky and is financially sound, said Eric Lee, president and CEO.

"Not all the nation's hospitals have been able to accomplish this. Our goal is for JSMC to remain financially sound in the future," Lee said.

The 194-bed acute-care hospital has a 98-year history of serving Southwest Kentucky and nearby counties of Northern Tennessee. In the past year, JSMC has improved several health and wellness services and has earned accolades for many new and existing programs.

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Dawson Springs Police Report Week's Activities

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports last week:

—A 15-year-old Dawson Springs male was detained at the Dawson Springs Police Department and transported to Warren County Regional Juvenile Detention Center per court officials. He was charged with second-degree disorderly conduct, five counts of third-degree terroristic threatening, menacing and resisting arrest. Mike Opalek was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider.

—Corde S. Trotter, 40, 2020 Daylight Road, was arrested May 1 at his residence. He was served a bench warrant for failure to appear. Mike Opalek was the charging officer, assisted by Capt. Craig Patterson.

—Brent Scott, 44, 1105 Hospital Road, was arrested May 2 at his residence. He was charged with first-degree wanton endangerment and failure to notify the Department of Transportation of address change. Mike Opalek was the charging officer, assisted by Capt. Craig Patterson.

—Seth H. Montgomery, 26, 4250 Earlington Road, Madisonville, was arrested May 2 at the Dairy Queen. He was charged with failure to appear (Hopkins County warrant) and second-degree fleeing or evading police (on foot). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Nicholas A. Hancock, 36, 9850 Nortonville Road, was arrested May 2 at his residence. He was charged with nonpayment of fines. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer. He responded to this address for a request for assistance by Probation and Parole officers.

—Sandra F. Mitchell, 51, 200 Pine St., Apt. E4, was arrested May 3 at the Dawson Springs Police Department. She was charged with two counts of forgery of a prescription. Chief Bill Crider was the charging officer.

—Jennifer L. Hoag, 35, 717 Cecile Drive, Princeton, was arrested May 4 on East Hall Street. She was charged with failure to appear (Hopkins County bench warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Edward F. Bennett, 43, 103 1/2 Sycamore St., Apt. A, was served a criminal summons May 4 on Ky. 109 and I-69. He was charged with theft by deception — cold check under \$500 (Caldwell County criminal summons). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Jeremie W. Thompson, 32, 305 E. 16th St., Hopkinsville, was arrested May 4 on Oak Heights. He was charged with first-degree fleeing or evading police (motor vehicle), failure of nonowner to maintain required insurance, receiving stolen property under \$500, second-degree disorderly conduct and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs/etc. Mike Opalek was the charging officer.

—Capus Adams, 24, 405 Mimms Ave., Earlington, was arrested May 6 on Ky. 109 North. He was charged with operating on a suspended license, expired registration plates, failure to comply with the helmet law and unapproved eye protection. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider.

A local woman was charged by the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department.

—Misty Fain, 32, Niles Road, was summoned for possession of a first-degree controlled substance (methamphetamine), two counts of possession of a third-degree substance, two counts of a prescription controlled substance not in its proper container, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Three Dawson Springs residents were charged by the Madisonville Police Department.

—Corde Tucker, 40, 306 W. Hall St., was charged May 2 with second-degree disorderly conduct.

—Ashley N. Day, 27, 585 Fergusontown Road, was served a Warren County warrant May 3.


—Nicholas R. Hancock, 36, 9850 Nortonville Road, was charged May 3 with fourth-degree assault.

Indictments for two local people were returned April 24 by the Hopkins County grand jury.

—Misty Fain, 32, 1957 Niles Road, possession of methamphetamine, possession of Xanax, possession of percoct, two counts of possession of a controlled substance in an improper container, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

—Phillip Sizemore, 22, 45 Rosedale Court, Apt. 9, failing to comply with sex offender registration.

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TRACY COLLINS, Dawson Springs kindergarten teacher, observes two of her students (from left) Annabell Jarboe and MacKenzie Creekmur as they make frogs as part of the Earth Day activities at the local school Friday, April 20.

photo by Kelli Taylor

PSC Approves LG&E/KU Gasfired Power Plant

From Kentucky Press News Service

The Kentucky Public Service Commission approved a proposal by Kentucky Utilities Co. and Louisville Gas & Electric Co. to construct a natural gas-fired generating facility at LG&E's Cane Run plant in Jefferson County and to purchase an existing natural gas-fired plant in Oldham County.

KU and LG&E plan to construct a 640-megawatt combined cycle generating plant at Cane Run. Combined cycle plants are designed to operate most of the time. The companies also will purchase the 495-megawatt Bluegrass Generation simple cycle power plant in LaGrange. It is designed to run only at times of peak demand, according to a PSC press release.

In their application, KU and LG&E said the additional generating capacity is needed to

replace coal-fired units at Cane Run and at KU's Green River plant in Muhlenberg County and Tyrone plant in Woodford County and to meet projected increases in demand for electricity by 2016.

Those facilities are being retired by the end of 2015 as part of a broader plan to comply with new and stricter federal air quality regulations.

In an order issued Thursday, the PSC agreed, saying the companies had proven the need for the replacement generating capacity and demonstrated that the proposed gas-fired plants were the least-cost, reasonable option for providing the needed power.

Construction of the new plant at Cane Run will cost about \$583 million, the companies said in their application. That figure includes a new natural gas pipeline to the site. The purchase price of the Bluegrass Generation plant is \$110 million.

A public meeting in the case was held in Jefferson County March 8, with the formal evidentiary hearing in Frankfort following on March 20. Other parties to the case included the Kentucky Office of Attorney General; the Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers, Inc., representing large industrial customers; and the Sierra Club and Natural Resources Defense Council, representing environmental interests.

The PSC disagreed with the environmental groups that KU and LG&E could economically meet its power needs through a combination of wind power and more aggressive efforts to reduce the demand for electricity. However, the PSC agreed the utilities should more aggressively pursue cost-effective demand-side management programs, particularly those targeting commercial customers.

Both LG&E and KU are subsidiaries of PPL Corp.

Kentucky Utilities has about 506,000 electric customers in 77 counties across Kentucky. Louisville Gas & Electric has about 401,000 electric customers in nine counties in the Louisville area. LG&E's 312,000 natural gas customers are not affected by this case.

Based on the need for replacement power, a majority of the cost and ownership of the new Cane Run plant would be allocated to KU. Most of the Oldham County plant would be allocated to LG&E.

The companies say they do not expect the project to affect rates for LG&E customers, while KU customers would see rates rise by about 4 percent once the new plant is in operation.

The KU-LG&E application, related documents and videos of the public meeting and hearing are available on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov. The case number is 2011-00375.

18 Road Deaths Reported In Kentucky Last Week

Eighteen people died in 17 separate crashes on Kentucky roads from April 30 through May 6.

All the fatalities involved motor vehicles, and 10 of the victims were not wearing seat belts.

Single-fatality accidents occurred in Barren (2), Boyd, Breckinridge, Calloway, Fayette (2), Grant, Hopkins, McCracken, Pike (2), Russell, Todd, Trigg and Woodford counties. The crashes in Barren and McCracken counties involved the suspected use of alcohol.

One double-fatality motor vehicle crash occurred in Taylor county.

Through May 6, preliminary

statistics indicate 222 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roads during 2012. This is seven more fatalities than reported for the same time period in 2011.

Of 191 motor vehicle fatalities, 111 of the victims were not wearing seat belts. Twenty-three of those crashes involved commercial motor vehicles. Twelve crashes involved motorcycles, and eight of the victims were not wearing helmets. Two crashes involved ATVs, and one victim was not wearing a helmet. Sixteen crashes involved pedestrians and one involved a bicycle. Thirty-five deaths have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

May 6-12 Is Designated As Ky. Drinking Water Week

May 6 through 12 has been proclaimed Drinking Water Week in Kentucky. This annual event recognizes the importance of water source protection and conservation, as well as the value and fragility of the state's water resources.

"Safe drinking water plays a vital role in citizens' everyday lives and is critical to the commonwealth's economy," said Gov. Steve Beshear. "Our health, comfort and standard of living depend on an abundant supply of safe drinking water. I urge Kentuckians to get involved in decisions that affect their local drinking water supplies."

The 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act established provisions to give customers of public water systems greater access to information

and opportunities to participate in drinking water issues.

The "right-to-know" provisions are based on the premise that accountability to the public is vital for addressing and preventing threats to drinking water. A few ways citizens can get involved:

– Read the Consumer Confidence Report sent each July by your local water utility.

– Comment on new drinking water regulations and support documents.

– Participate in community activities to protect your water source.

– Attend public meetings and public hearings or your local water system's board meetings.

– Report unusual activities, threats or pollution spills in your watershed.

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KSP 'Take Back' Initiative Receives Successful Report

Kentucky State Police reports the National Take Back Initiative netted the agency 644 pounds of prescription drugs from those who wished to discard unwanted medications. Each of the 16 KSP Post locations collected the drugs from 10 a.m. through 2 p.m. April 28.

The program, organized by the Drug Enforcement Administration, is intended to give people a safe and convenient way to part with unneeded medications.

KSP Commissioner Rodney Brewer was pleased with the

turnout at post locations across the state.

"The continued support of citizens who choose to properly dispose of unwanted prescription pills speaks volumes to the effectiveness of this program," said Brewer.

The KSP drop off locations accounted for 16 of the 4,000 sites across the country that participated in the program.

Correction

In the picture of the Dawson Springs School class in last week's edition, Jack Doss was misidentified as Jack Audas. The Progress regrets the error.

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Services Are Today For Dr. Joe D. Winfrey, 81

The funeral for Dr. Joe Davis Winfrey, 81, of Dawson Springs, will be held at 10 a.m. today (Thursday) at the Dawson Springs Primitive Baptist Church. Visitation was from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the church and from 8 a.m. until the funeral hour today.

Elder Travis Housley will officiate. Burial will be in Macedonia Cemetery.

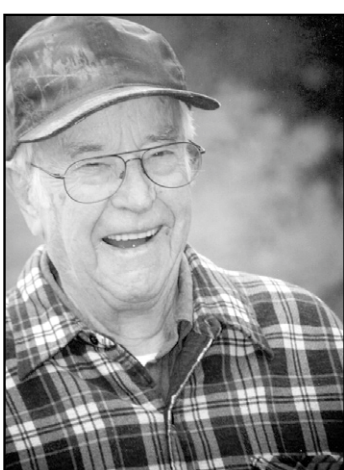
Winfrey died May 7, 2012, at Regional Medical Center.

He was born Dec. 7, 1930, in Russell County, to the late Chena Carnes Winfrey and Charlie Ray Winfrey.

He was a 1958 graduate of the University of Louisville School of Dentistry and practiced dentistry in Dawson Springs until his retirement in 1998. He was a member of the Dawson Springs Primitive Baptist Church where he served as a deacon.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter, Ellie Rose Winfrey.

Survivors include his wife, Faye Winfrey of Dawson Springs; a daughter, Jenny Winfrey of Dawson Springs; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. Jeff and Christy Winfrey of Dawson Springs, and Jon and Lisa Ann Winfrey of Law-



DR. JOE WINFREY

renceburg; a sister, Mildred Hale of Russell Springs; four grandchildren, K.C. Winfrey, Lynsey Smith, Joshua Winfrey and Jeriann Kallin; and two great-grandsons, Aspen and Cruz Winfrey.

Pall bearers will be Jeff Winfrey, Jon Winfrey, K.C. Winfrey, Joshua Winfrey, Jesse Smith and Ben Kallin.

Ted Armstrong will serve as honorary pall bearer.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dawson Springs Primitive Baptist Church, 101 E. Walnut St., Dawson Springs, KY 42408 or the Dawson Springs Branch Library, P.O. Box 9, Dawson Springs, KY 42408.

American Masters Profiles TV Legend Johnny Carson

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Church Seeking Funds For Camp

Landmark Church is raising money for church camp.

They will hold a bucket brigade in downtown Dawson Springs from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday to help reach their goal of \$1,300.

OBITUARIES

Graveside Services Are Held For Michael Ray Midkiff, 66

A graveside service for Michael Ray Midkiff Sr., 66, of Dawson Springs, was held Monday at Rosedale Cemetery.

The Rev. Larry Davidson officiated. Beshear Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Midkiff died at 10:43 a.m. May 5, 2012, at Dawson Springs Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He was born May 6, 1945, in Ohio County, to Malcolm Herman and Wanda Mae Midkiff.

Midkiff was a 1967 graduate of the University of Kentucky. He owned and operated Mike’s IGA Foodliner in Dawson Springs for 34 years.

He will be remembered as a friend to his community in many ways, especially for his many contributions in food items and support to countless school and civic functions. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Dawson Springs and the Dawson Springs Rotary Club.

Midkiff was preceded in death by his father, Malcolm Herman Midkiff.

Survivors include his faithful wife, Glenda Midkiff, Dawson Springs; his moth-



MIKE MIDKIFF

er, Wanda Midkiff, Dawson Springs; a daughter and son-in-law, Amanda Kathleen and Justin Creekmur, Dawson Springs; a son, Michael Ray Midkiff Jr. and a son and daughter-in-law, Matthew Shane and Rayna Midkiff, all Dawson Springs; three brothers, Steve Midkiff, Portsmouth, Ohio, Brent Midkiff, Muhlenberg County, and Tim Midkiff, Dawson Springs; and five grandchildren, Jackson, MacKenzie, Claire, Caleb and Zachary.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to DAPS, P.O. Box 135, Dawson Springs, KY 42

Services Are Wednesday For Elizabeth Orene Russell, 90

The funeral for Elizabeth Orene Russell, 90, of Madisonville, was held yesterday (Wednesday) at Beshear Funeral Home. Visitation was from noon until the funeral hour.

Bro. Gene Rickard officiated. Burial was in Ilsley Cemetery.

Mrs. Russell died May 6, 2012, at National Health Care in Madisonville.

She was born Aug. 4, 1921, in Town Creek, Ala., to the late Harley and Era Berryman Adcock.

She worked as a chef at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park for many years.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Hubert Russell in 1999; a brother, James Adcock; and a great-granddaughter.

Survivors include a daughter, Jane Johnston, Madisonville; two grandchildren; two great-



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grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

Pall bearers were Ken Laffoon, Timmy Luttrell, Don Williams, Mike Johnston, Cody Luttrell and Josh Laffoon.

Honorary pall bearers were the Rev. Gary Bennett and the Rev. Phillip Bennett.

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Services Are Saturday For J.C. ‘Skeeter’ Stewart, 91

The funeral for J.C. “Skeeter” Stewart, 91, of Charleston, was held Saturday at Beshear Funeral Home.

Dr. Calvin Bryant officiated. Burial was in Dunn Cemetery.

Stewart died at 9:10 a.m. May 2, 2012, at Regional Medical Center.

He was born June 23, 1920, in Muhlenberg County, to the late Eli and Lelia Forester Stewart.

He was a retired maintenance department worker with Hopkins County Schools and a member of the Charleston Mis-

sionary Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, Stewart was preceded in death by 11 brothers and sisters.

Survivors include his wife of 69 years, Lena Stewart, Charleston; a daughter, Shelia Densmore, Charleston; two sons, James Stewart, Rabbit Ridge, and Larry Stewart, Charleston; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Pall bearers were Keith Stewart, Steve Stewart, Harlan Gipson, Bruce Cole, Bart Allen and Hunter Gipson.

United Methodist Women Met In April At Pizza Hunt

The United Methodist Women met April 18 at Pizza Hunt.

The meeting was opened with The Lord’s Prayer. Peggy Furgerson gave the program, and Pat Hunt presented the finance report.

Old and new business were discussed. Under new business, the group planned the mother-daughter banquet for 6 p.m.

May 16 in the large room at the community center. A salad supper will be served. Ro Bell will be the guest speaker. The public is invited to attend the banquet.

Those attending the meeting were Audrey Jackson, Eloise Morris, Joyce Moore, Pat Hunt, Dorothy Hunt, Peggy Furgerson, Sue Alexander and a guest, Nancy Dean.

Cemetery Cleaning Scheduled

The annual Witherspoon Cemetery meeting will be held at 2 p.m. May 19 at the cemetery on Longbreak Road.

Changes in the bylaws will be discussed.

For information, phone Lyn-dle Barnes Jr. at 365-6294.

Obituary Policy

Obituaries are published free of charge as a public service by The Dawson Springs Progress. Information is provided by funeral homes and the funeral home is responsible for accuracy. Free obituaries may include the following: person’s name, age, address, date of death, date and place of services, minister, burial site and memorial contributions. Survivors and those who preceded the deceased in death will include spouse’s name, childrens’ names, number of grandchildren and/or great grandchildren and siblings’ names. Also included is place of birth, date of birth, parents’ names, one occupation or former occupation if retired, service club memberships, church membership, pall bearers and if they graduated from Dawson Springs High School. Paid obituaries will include any information the family wishes to submit. The charge for a paid obituary is \$3.50 per column inch.

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Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

MT. PISGAH
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Roger Felker, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Training Union, 6 p.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

CASTLEBERRY GENERAL
BAPTIST CHURCH
Empire, Ky.
Dwight Brown, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Bible Study, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

LAFAYETTE MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH
5325 Niles Road
Rev. Thurman Harris, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

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North Main Street
Rev. E. J. Hatton, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

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Corner 4-H Rd. and Rosedale Ln.
Bro. Donnie Howton, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.

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550 Walnut Grove Road
Thomas Childers, Pastor
Sun. Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Sun. Evening Evangelistic, 6 p.m.
Wed. Night Bible Study, 7 p.m.
(Bible classes for children age 3-15)

ADRIEL MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH
Olney Road
Bro. David Frisby, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

DAYSRING
ASSEMBLY OF GOD
55 E. Lee Wilson Stevens Dr.
Rev. Kathy S. Redden, Sr. Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Thursday Bible Study, 10 a.m.

DUNN MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH
Highway 109 North
Bro. Ricky Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Training Union, 6 p.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

MIDWAY VALLEY
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Highway 62 West
Bro. Willard Walls, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.

NEW HOPE
MISSIONARY BAPTIST
Junction 1294 & 293
Rev. Harold Salyers, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Walnut Street
Elder Jeff Winfrey, Pastor
Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Service, 6:30 p.m.

STAR OF BETHLEHEM
APOSTOLIC CHURCH
Ilsley, Ky.
Rev. Monty Fuller, Pastor
Sunday Morning, 10 a.m.
Evening Worship, 5 p.m.
Monday Night, 7 p.m.
Paryer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

GREENWOOD
COMMUNITY CHURCH
Union Temple Road
Rev. Bobby McKnight, Pastor
Morning Worship, 10 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

BETHEL CHAPEL
GENERAL BAPTIST
Bro. Donnie Rogers, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.

ILSLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH
Hwy. 112, Ilsley
Bro. Johnny Gibson, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.

LANDMARK APOSTOLIC
HOLINESS CHURCH
590 Industrial Park Road
Rev. Robert Akers, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Victory Service, 6 p.m.
Bible Study, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

CHARLESTON MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH
Highway 109 North
Dr. Calvin Bryant, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE HOLINESS
CHURCH
19000 Dawson Springs Rd.
Rev. Douglas Barnett, Pastor
Sunday Bible Study, 3 p.m.
Church Service, 4 p.m.

SUTHARDS BAPTIST
CHURCH
Highway 112
Bro. George Brooks, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Training Union, 6 p.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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Bro. Rick Lutz, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

PROSPECT MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH
Highway 70, near Dalton
Bro. Tom McKim, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

ILSLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Rev. Danny Earl, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

PLEASANT UNION
GENERAL CHURCH
Beulah
Bro. Nathan Bone, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

RESURRECTION
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Industrial Park Road
Father Bruce Fogle, Pastor
Sunday Mass, 10:00 a.m.
Thursday Mass, 8 a.m.

GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH
Trim Street
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.

UNION TEMPLE GENERAL
BAPTIST CHURCH
Bro. David Hoard, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

GREATER FAITH
APOSTOLIC CHURCH
Highway 62 West
Bro. Paul Fuller, Pastor
Morning Worship, 10 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

EMPIRE HOLINESS CHURCH
Empire, Ky.
Bro. Rodger Fuller, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Saturday, 7 p.m.

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1440 Industrial Park Road
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Evangelistic Service, 6:30 p.m.
Wed. & Sat. Services, 7:30 p.m.

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BAPTIST CHURCH
Bro. Wayne McCoy, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Bible Study, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

RABBIT RIDGE FULL GOSPEL
CHURCH
Highways 109 & 502
Rev. Raymond Cummings, Pastor
Morning Worship, 10 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

KIRKWOOD SPRINGS
HOLINESS CHURCH
Kennedy Lane
Rev. Kenneth R. Moore, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Sunday Night, 7 p.m.
Thursday Night, 7 p.m.

ABOUT TOWN

By Scott

Some Things You Just Can't Make Up

Who knows who first said, "You just can't make this stuff up," but that holds true for this bit of news reported in The Daily News in Bowling Green by reporter Jenna Mink...

It seems a preliminary hearing has been set for June 13 for these two guys who are "accused of holding a church cookout without the consent of the church."

Accused of what? Keep reading, it gets crazier and crazier.

After 8 p.m. on the night of April 27, these two guys are accused of burglarizing the church, with beer in hand, and helping themselves to some ground beef they found presumably in the church's refrigerator.

Next, they grilled the burgers and ate them, presumably washing them down with the beer they brought with them.

What were these guys thinking?

It goes on...they "finished off their meal with cakes that church members had baked" for a celebration that was to be held the following morning.

Unbelievable!

Scottsville police were called to the scene the next morning. Again presuming, most likely when the sweet women of the church came to get the cakes they found the remains of a church cookout which the church did not know about.

Here goes more of the story, or the rest of the story, or whatever. It's just crazy and gets crazier.

While the Scottsville police were at the scene of the crime, the men suspected of the break-in (and illegal church cookout) returned to the scene while the law enforcement officers were investigating.

These two geniuses had come back to retrieve a hat one of them lost — and to pick up what was left of their unfinished beer. They were taken into custody.

The two not only ate the church's burgers and cakes, they also sprayed the church interior with a fire extinguisher. Apparently they were also upset they couldn't eat all the cakes because what they didn't eat they smeared on the walls of the church.

One of the police officers said, "After 22 years on the job, it was one of the most unusual crimes" he had worked.

The two men claimed they were just looking for a place to spend the night.

Speaking of a place to spend the night, a group of golfers spent three nights at Pine Mountain State Park last week.

That group played 72 holes at Wasioto Winds at Pine Mountain and played 36 holes at Burnside Island State Park near Somerset.

Some scores were good, some were not so good, with a few over 100 and a few in the 70s.

I was fortunate enough to be able to experience both of those, enjoying the 78 much more than the 104.

Now the question could be, "How could anyone play golf at two such extremes?"

All I can say is it's not easy, particularly the better score.

But numbers add up quickly, particularly with a 10 on a par 3 — I blame the sand for at least five of those strokes.

Of course on the same hole during another round it was the water to blame, but that time it was only an eight (five over par).

But even with the not so good scores, the golf was good, the company was better and the weather cooperated — mostly. Now it's time to plan the next one. Wish it could be The Old Course at St. Andrews, but that's not going to happen any time soon.

The past few weeks have been difficult here at The Progress with long-time Progress employee Faye Winfrey's husband Joe being very ill and in the hospital.

His illness is now over as Dr. Joe Winfrey passed away late Monday afternoon.

Joe loved golf, too, but he also loved his family, his adopted hometown and his church and friends. He will be sorely missed by all.

Faye and her family have had a rough couple of weeks, and the days and weeks ahead will be challenging. The Winfreys are special people, and Faye is not only a special friend but also an amazing employee. Our prayers are with her and her family. She's like a member of my family.

From that note, it's time to try to laugh, and after some of those golf scores perhaps some more laughs about golf will help...

- These greens are so fast I have to hold my putter over the ball and hit it with the shadow. — Sam Snead

- I was three-over today: one over a house, one over a patio and one over a swimming pool. — George Brett

- Actually, the only time I ever took out a one-iron was to kill a tarantula. And I took a 7 to do that. — Jim Murray

- The only sure rule in golf is — he who has the fastest cart never has to play the bad lie. — Mickey Mantle

- I don't fear death, but I sure don't like those three-footers for par. — Chi Chi Rodriguez

- After all these years, it's still embarrassing for me to play on the American golf tour. Like the time I asked my caddie for a sand wedge and he came back ten minutes later with a ham on rye. — Chi Chi Rodriguez

- My favorite shots are the practice swing and the conceded putt. The rest can never be mastered. — Lord Robertson

- Give me golf clubs, fresh air and a beautiful partner, and you can keep the clubs and the fresh air. — Jack Benny

- Professional golf is the only sport where, if you win 20 percent of the time, you're the best. — Jack Nicklaus

- I never pray on a golf course. Actually, the Lord answers my prayers everywhere except on the course. — Billy Graham

- If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball. — Jack Lemmon



COMMENTARY

Deficit Reduction Is Important Issue

By
Tamara Sandberg
Executive Director
Kentucky Association
of Food Banks

Deficit reduction is an important national priority, vital to our long-term economic opportunity and security. But just because it's important doesn't mean that it can be undertaken without regard to our national values.

Unfortunately, the House Agricultural Committee left values on the sideline this week when it moved forward with a shocking proposal to cut food assistance for our nation's hungry by over \$33 billion. That it was done in the name of deficit reduction does not excuse the fact that cuts to anti-hunger programs at a time when need has never been greater are both reckless and short-sighted.

Taking care of our neighbors is an American value. Every day the members of the Kentucky Association of Food Banks see this partnership reflected in the generous support of our volunteers and donors, and we are grateful that this value is reflected in Washington through important anti-hunger programs like SNAP, formerly Food Stamps.

Some like to point to the great work that local food pantries are doing to suggest that hunger is better solved by charity at the community level. Speaking from the frontlines, please hear us when we say that charity cannot do it alone. In fact, estimates suggest that charity provides only about 6 percent of all the food assistance in the United States. Hunger is a national problem and it needs a national solution

that starts with a strong federal commitment to programs like SNAP.

Kentucky's food banks are struggling to meet the tremendous increase in need for food assistance resulting from the Great Recession. We saw demand for emergency food assistance increase an astounding 84% from 2006 to 2010. We are already struggling to keep up with this increased demand because of declining federal support for The Emergency Food Assistance Program, which provides a bulk of the food distributed by our members. If SNAP were cut, there is no way that we would be able to make up the difference. Food banks need more supply, not more demand.

Protecting the poor is not a partisan issue, and balancing the budget does not have to be either. Our nation has a long, bipartisan commitment to low-income safety net programs like SNAP in past deficit reduction agreements. The three major deficit-reduction packages of the last two decades — the 1990, 1993, and 1997 packages — all adhered to this principle, as did the recent bipartisan Bowles-Simpson Commission.

The American people deserve a thoughtful dialog about real solutions, not political showmanship. Congress should put the nation's interests first and meet in the middle to craft policies that spur economic recovery, ensure broad and sustainable opportunity, and protect families when opportunity remains out of reach, including making sure that SNAP and food pantries are here to put food on the table until struggling Americans are back on their feet.

OTHER EDITORS

Farmer Is No Longer A Star

Talk about unforgettable. The name Richie Farmer made for himself on the Wildcats basketball team was golden, but it — and he — now wear the tarnish of a scathing report issued this week on the misdeeds and abuses of position, power and taxpayer dollars that occurred during his late tenure as Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner.

Bottom line, said state Auditor of Public Accounts Adam Edelen, whose office conducted the investigation: "The report paints a clear picture of an administration that had no qualms about treating taxpayer resources as its own."

Many excesses of Mr. Farmer's time in office — the state-purchased vehicles during the worst recession of modern times; the missing computers and refrigerator; his ill-gotten, personal Marriott Hotel points; the \$5,000-a-month state job for his girlfriend who was rarely seen at work, to name but a few — were already and abundantly known. But there were egregious, even jaw-dropping, surprises to be found in the 187-page report.

Let Mr. Edelen continue: "The former commissioner had state employees on state time take him hunting and shopping, mow his yard, build a basketball court in his back yard, and even chauffeur his dog. He showered himself with

gifts and office equipment and rewarded friends with jobs."

If Mr. Farmer never found a gift worth \$200 or more to report, as is required, there appeared to be no detail too small or extraneous (the approximate \$60 expediting fee for brackets to mount two 60-inch TV sets worth \$4,192) for him to consider ripe for the plucking with taxpayer money.

Nor did there seem to be any task too small, or too far afield, from state employees' job descriptions during the Farmer years. "The former commissioner shot a deer illegally from the cab of a state-issued vehicle and then directed the state employee to field-dress it for him," Mr. Edelen said.

It is difficult to come away from this report that outlined "a toxic culture of entitlement" without thinking that it was Richie Farmer's world, and we just paid for it.

That is why even the most diehard fans of Mr. Farmer's time on the basketball court should not have their heads turned by arguments that Mr. Farmer was so accustomed to being a celebrity with its attendant swag that he just didn't know the difference between yesterday and today. Nor should the argument, floated by Mr. Farmer's attorney, that the audit is "political" — Mr.

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LOOKING BACK

10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

10 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, May 9, 2002.)

The softball Panthers snapped a four-game losing streak in a big way Monday afternoon when they swept a double-header against Trigg County.

Cole Collins, 2-1/2, and his parents participated in the White House Easter Egg Roll on April 1 in Washington, D.C.

A memorial service for Mrs. Nevelyn Blanchard Bivins, 80, was held Saturday afternoon, May 4, at the Dawson Springs United Methodist Church.

The funeral for William Martin "Red" Anglin, 59, was held Friday afternoon, May 3, at Beshear Funeral Home.

The funeral for Mrs. Virgie Childres, 84, was held Sunday afternoon, May 5, at Beshear Funeral Home.

25 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, May 14, 1987.)

Mark Adams is leaving the local school system at the end of this year, his 11th

here.

Whitney Rae Halvorson was born Thursday, May 7, at Shallowford Hospital in Marietta, Ga. She weighed eight pounds and two ounces.

Funeral for Mrs. Naomi Irene Hiett, 68, was held Sunday afternoon, May 10, at Beshear Funeral Home.

Funeral for Mrs. Judith Ann French, 46, was held Wednesday afternoon, at Beshear Funeral Home.

Last rites were held for Mrs. Idella Douglas Dehart, 80, Wednesday morning, at Beshear Funeral Home.

Services were held for Mrs. Gertrude Webster, 76, Friday afternoon, May 8, at Gospel Assembly Church.

50 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, May 10, 1962.)

Brent Menser was the honored guest at a birthday party last Friday afternoon.

Last rites were conducted Sunday afternoon at the Gospel Assmblly Church for Henry Clay Lamb, 84.

Funeral services were held for William Morris Boyd, 37, Tuesday aftnoon at the Beshear Funeral Home.

MOMENTS IN TIME

- On May 10, 1869, the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads meet up in Promontory, Utah, making transcontinental railroad travel possible for the first time in U.S. history. Journeys that had taken months by wagon train or weeks by boat now took only days.

- On May 7, 1915, the British ocean liner Lusitania is torpedoed without warning by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland, with 1,198 people drowned. It was later revealed that the Lusitania was carrying about 173 tons of war munitions for Britain, which the Germans cited as justification for the attack.

- On May 12, 1925, a Philadelphia radio station broadcasts the first all-star radio program featuring film actors and actresses. Sound films had not yet debuted, and the broadcast marked the first time that most listeners had heard the voices of film stars like Lillian Gish and Marion Davies.

- On May 8, 1933, the first police radio system, connecting headquarters to patrol cars and patrol cars to one another, is installed in Eastchester Town-

ship, N.Y. The system consisted of one transmitter of 20 watts for the headquarters and two transmitters of 4.5 volts each for the two patrol cars.

- On May 13, 1956, Gene Autry's musical variety show "Gene Autry's Melody Ranch," airs its final broadcast, after 16 years. The show featured 10- to 15-minute skits about cowboys and rustlers, along with musical numbers by Autry, "America's singing cowboy."

- On May 9, 1960, the Food and Drug Administration approves the world's first commercially produced birth-control pill. Development of "the pill" was commissioned by birth-control pioneer Margaret Sanger and funded by heiress Katherine McCormick.

- On May 11, 1981, reggae legend Bob Marley dies of cancer in Miami Beach, Fla. Marley born in Jamaica in 1945, formed his band, the Wailers, in 1963. In the early 1970s, the band's records began to catch on outside Jamaica, assisted by Eric Clapton's cover of "I Shot the Sheriff."

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SHORTAGE LIMITS PATIENT OPTIONS

Christian County Seeking More Doctors For Area

Farmer Is No Star

By Nick Tabor
Kentucky New Era

Chrissie Johnson, 26, drives to Madisonville every few months to get her 18-month-old daughter prescriptions for soy milk.

Johnson and her husband receive assistance through Kentucky's Women, Infants and Children program, which resembles federal food stamps. However, she can only use the funds for soy milk if she proves her daughter is lactose-intolerant.

Johnson's 7-year-old son uses the same doctor. But when she found a primary-care doctor in Hopkinsville who agreed to treat her 4-year-old daughter and take Medicaid payments, she accepted the offer. Because Johnson lives in Crofton, which doesn't have a full-time primary care physician, she's been trying for years to set all her kids up with doctors in Hopkinsville.

"That's where we do business," Johnson said Wednesday, sitting on a sofa in her mobile home. "That's where we shop. It's where our family and such is."

This past winter, between prescription runs, stomach bugs, the flu, colds and allergies, she's had to cart the kids between Madisonville and Hopkinsville many times. With such high gas prices, these trips hurt the family's budget.

Johnson's situation illustrates a bigger problem: Christian County does not have enough doctors.

Diagnosing the problem

According to data reported to the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure, the county has only one primary care physician for every 2,000 people. Teresa Bowers, Jennie Stuart Medical Center's physician recruitment director, estimates the ratio is closer to one to 4,000.

Kentucky's average is one doctor for every 1,000 people, according to data from the medical licensure board.

Bowers said this county also has a serious shortage of specialists.

Jennie Stuart has 18 primary care doctors on its active staff. The New Era reached the offices of 14 this week by phone. Five said they had waiting lists for all new patients, including those with private insurance and those who pay out-of-pocket. Another five said they currently accept new Medicaid patients. This does not count specialists who also provide some primary care.

Most people who have health insurance can find treatment, even if it means traveling out of the county. The uninsured can often get treatment through St. Luke Free Clinic.

But the shortage strains every part of the local health care system. It increases doctors' workloads, leaves St. Luke short on volunteers, and limits options for all patients, often causing them inconvenience and budget problems.

As a result, some who are complacent or can't afford the gas or time for long trips don't seek preventive care at all. In the end, this puts an undue bur-

den on Jennie Stuart's emergency room, Bowers said.

Examining causes

Two national trends help explain Christian County's shortage.

First, primary care physicians, which rural areas need in higher volumes than specialists, are entering the job market at alarmingly low rates. More medical students are becoming specialists, as these jobs promise better salaries and hours.

Second, rural areas don't appeal to most doctors entering the workforce, Bowers said.

Demand for health care is high enough that most doctors can get the kind of practice they want wherever they go, so the surrounding environment becomes a high priority when they consider potential jobsites, Bowers said. Most prefer working in big cities, she added.

"I'm not selling the hospital when I've got to recruit," she said. "I'm selling the community."

When she is able to convince doctors to visit, they usually decide to work here, she said. But catching doctors' interest is hard.

Additionally, because the recession has put strains on independent practices, hospitals in urban areas are buying many of those offices out, said Jodi Mitchell, director of Kentucky Voices for Health. New doctors see more security in joining a hospital's staff than operating independently — as most doctors do here, including those affiliated with Jennie Stuart.

How bad is it?

For the county's population of roughly 74,000, Jennie Stuart has 74 doctors on its active staff. Beyond the 18 who have adult primary care offices, most are specialists in fields like radiology and oncology. The hospital also has 49 doctors on its associate staff. Most of these doctors live in Tennessee, and many commute to Jennie Stuart to work in the emergency room.

Anita Walker, the hospital's medical staff coordinator, said Jennie Stuart's members make up at least three-quarters of Christian County's doctors. Most of these doctors work primarily from their own offices. But as members of Jennie Stuart, they have access to the

hospital for surgeries and appointments.

The hospital makes its revenue by charging patients for rooms, nurses' services and other expenses, Bowers said. She said doctors typically bill patients separately.

Bowers recruits constantly. She said another three primary care doctors are coming here this summer. But the county is especially short on neurologists and urologists, and it no longer has an ear, nose and throat doctor, she said.

St. Luke, the county's only free clinic, sometimes has five or six weeks' worth of patients on its waiting list, said Betsy Bond, the clinic's director. The only reason is a shortage of volunteers: five doctors and two nurse practitioners.

"They keep the place open," Bond said. "They're our heartbeat." But having new doctors volunteer for even a couple hours a month would make a substantial difference, she said.

With numerous doctors' offices backed up even for patients with private insurance, this shortage comes as no surprise.

Sending poor patients to specialists is even harder, said Mona Boyd, St. Luke's nursing director.

Boyd sends patients to Lexington and Nashville for orthopedic and neurological treatment. The process can take weeks, and the trip is long. But patients usually find friends or family members to drive them, Boyd said.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs pays a local doctor to give veterans primary care, but patients on VA insurance must drive to Nashville for appointments with any specialists, a VA representative said.

Even for patients with private insurance, doctor shortages usually mean less time with physicians and therefore less counseling on diet, weight management, exercise and other personal care, said Elmer Whitler, who researches doctor shortages at the University of Kentucky.

Losing these services drives up the cost of health care, said Mark Pyle, director of the Christian County Health Department.

"Without adequate preventive services, health care costs increase for the treatment of preventable disease and illness," Pyle wrote in an email to the New Era. "This applies to access to primary health care and oral health."

Future outlook

Most forecasts of physician numbers do not look hopeful.

If the Obama administration's health care law stands, it will guarantee insurance to roughly 46 million more Americans. This would tighten the doctor supply even more, for metropolitan areas as well as small towns.

The aging baby boomers will likely also increase the volume of care this country needs.

In the last decade, major studies have predicted shortages between 85,000 and 200,000 doctors.

A 2007 report by the Kentucky Institute of Medicine said the state's doctor shortage has persisted for decades and presented no "quick fix."

"Even if all the barriers that have prevented a sufficient and well-dispersed supply of physicians were suddenly to disappear, the task of recruiting and educating an ample cohort of doctors would take years to accomplish," it reads.

The state's three medical schools are enrolling more students to increase Kentucky's doctor supply, but it will take several years to see the effects, Whitler said.

As Bowers searches for doctors willing to move here, she always evaluates whether candidates will settle down and stay for many years.

Jennie Stuart gives out \$2,000 scholarships every year to students in Christian and Todd counties interested in attending medical school, she said. In the scholarship's 10-year history, it has not yet netted any doctors for the Jennie Stuart network, she said. Most recipients have not ended up in medical school. But Bowers hopes it will make a difference in the long run.

Doctors who grew up here are the most likely to move here after their residencies, she said.

"Little old Hopkinsville is up against Boston and Chicago and all of these bigger cities," she said. "They're not throwing darts at a map and saying, 'I'm going to Hopkinsville.'"

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Edelen is a Democrat, Mr. Farmer a Republican — gaining any traction.

Other accomplished athletes have had sterling public-service careers — Bill Bradley and Jack Kemp come immediately to mind — and haven't mistaken one culture for another.

More importantly, the audit was requested by newly elected Agriculture Commissioner James Comer, a Republican, to try to root out the past problems in order to restore citizen and taxpayer confidence in the department as something other than Mr. Farmer's playground.

Toward that end, the auditor's office interviewed more than four dozen people and reviewed thousands of documents.

Mr. Edelen has referred the findings of the audit to other state and federal offices for further investigation and Mr. Comer has made changes and acted on some of the recommendations included in the report.

And that's what is really important about the audit.

With the audit, Mr. Farmer is answering to the public for his apparently profligate time in office, and other powers will decide if he has to answer to other authorities, as well. But it is up to Mr. Comer to follow through on his pledge to improve transparency, accountability, efficiency and management practices if there is to be a game-changing culture shift at the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

Already, though, the citizens of Kentucky ought to look at the Comer-requested, Edelen-directed audit as a turning of the corner for that department.

As Mr. Comer noted in a letter included in the report, "The cooperation and professionalism our staffs exhibited through this examination has set a new standard for good government free from the politics that have ground state government to a stand-still in other areas ... We have accomplished much, and our work continues."

—The Courier-Journal

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Tea Party Activists At State Meeting

A public meeting in Frankfort to get stakeholders' input about development of a state-operated health insurance exchange Monday was attended by dozens of Tea Party activists taking issue with Gov. Steve Beshear's intention to create it.

"It was absolutely a formal protest," said organizer David Adams, who writes the blog Kentucky Progress and managed Louisville businessman Phil Moffett's campaign for the Republican nomination for governor last year.

Last week, Beshear announced his intention to create a state-run exchange if the Affordable Care Act is upheld in the U.S. Supreme Court. Since 30 million Americans who don't have coverage now would be required to buy insurance under the law's mandate, the exchange would act as a marketplace in which individuals and employees of small business can choose from several plans that have coverage packages pre-approved by state and federal governments. The people buying from the exchange would be given subsidies to help pay their premiums.

States have the option to create their own exchange or have the federal government run one for them. Through February, Kentucky had received nearly \$60 million to help set up an exchange, money officials said would be used for planning.

Several major business lobbies have said the state should have its own exchange, but Adams argues that if there is an exchange, the federal government should run it.

Though the Supreme Court's decision about whether to uphold the mandate won't be known until June, Adams said he felt it was necessary to protest Monday's meeting "to demand that the government send back the \$60 million and stop any activities of setting up an exchange."



ETHAN HUDDLESTON races across the finish line ahead of the competition in the championship heat of a mock derby race put on each year by the Dawson Springs fourth grade.

Photo by Beth Dillingham

Dawson Springs To Receive Grant Money To Better Park

Dawson Springs will receive \$5,385 in grant funding for improvements at the municipal park.

Gov. Steve Beshear and the Energy and Environment Cabinet announced that \$300,854 has been awarded for 20 playground projects.

Crumb rubber, made from recycled scrap tires, is used for mulch on playgrounds to enhance durability and safety,

for fitness/walking tracks, for landscaping, and on athletic fields to reduce soil degradation and increase safety benefits.

Beshear said the crumb rubber grants program encourages environmental stewardship.

"The Energy and Environment Cabinet is pleased to support these projects that will use recycled Kentucky waste tires in an environmentally beneficial way and which also will

enhance playground safety for our children across the commonwealth."

The grants are from the Waste Tire Trust Fund, established by the 1998 Kentucky General Assembly to receive a \$1 fee from each retail sale of a new tire in the state. The fund manages four million scrap tires generated in Kentucky each year and helps develop markets for recycled tire products.

Tourism Has Positive Impact On State's Economy

The economic impact of tourism in Kentucky amounted to nearly \$11.7 billion in 2011, Gov. Steve Beshear and Tourism, Arts and Heritage Secretary Marcheta Sparrow announced this week. The economic impact figure is a 3 percent increase from 2010.

"Despite a tough economy, the Kentucky tourism industry continues to shine," Beshear said. "These figures underscore the importance of tourism in Kentucky as well as in every community across the commonwealth."

The release of the figures coincides with National Travel and Tourism Week celebrated May 5-13 this year.

"The state's 'There's Only One' tourism promotion campaign points out the unique tourism attractions we have in Kentucky, which is part of the reason our tourism industry continues to grow," said Sparrow, who made the announcement in Louisville. "Tourism supports jobs for Kentuckians and businesses of all kinds across the state."

The annual survey also showed that tourism was responsible for 169,932 jobs in Kentucky in 2011 — a small increase from the previous year. These jobs generated more than \$2.6 billion in wages for Kentucky workers, an increase of \$76 million from the previous year. Tourism generated \$1.22 billion in tax revenues for local and state governments in 2011, an increase from \$1.19 billion in 2010. All nine tourism regions showed gains for 2011.

Madeline Abramson, wife of Lt. Gov. Jerry Abramson, took part in a ceremony with Sparrow and acting Travel Commissioner Hank Phillips at the Belle of Louisville and presented them with a proclamation from the governor in honor of Travel and Tourism Week.

"We think our campaign and the hard work of the tourism industry will continue to help us grow through 2012," said Phillips, whose agency oversees Kentucky's travel marketing.

Police Department Plans Poker Run

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something good for Dawson Springs in the process," said Crider.

Other upcoming events include National Nursing Home Week beginning Monday. A parade, featuring the Dawson Springs High School band and other entries such as a fire truck and the Shriner clowns, will begin at 2:15 p.m. Monday. Different activities will take place each day during the week.

The Dawson Springs Fun Weekend, a scooter and motorbike rally organized by Kenny

and Sylvia Thomas, is scheduled for May 25 and 26.

The Hopkins County Relay for Life will be held June 1 beginning at 7 p.m. The local nursing facilities are selling purple bows for businesses to place on their doors to raise money for their team. The bows are \$15 each.

Take Kids Fishing Day will be held June 2.

Sign-ups for summer reading at the Dawson Springs Branch Library begin May 23, and the program will start June 5. This year's theme is Dream Big — Read and will include several special events.

Program To Feed Students Free Breakfast And Lunch

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Parents will still be able to go online and deposit money in their child's account for extra items, or they can bring the money to school as they've always done.

"We will not be able to charge the extra items," said Seymore. "The student must have money in his or her

account or pay at the time of purchase.

According to Seymore, the local schools are not responsible for determining whether or not the students are qualified. The district receives a list of direct certifications from the state, and if the list is more than 40 percent of the student population, the school is eli-

gible for the program.

"I am just so glad to be able to do something for our hard-working families. So often it seems that the help we are able to provide goes to those families who already receive government assistance. This is one of those times when we can help out working, taxpaying citizens," Seymore said.

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ing and merging traffic as they approach these work zones.

Additionally, motorists are advised to be alert for sign crews working at various locations along this route.

These work zones are among several that will be required through the summer construction season as part of a \$9.9 million project to bring this section of the former Western Kentucky Parkway up to federal standards for interstate highways.

Timely traffic advisories for the 12 counties of KYTC Highway District 1 are available at www.facebook.com/kytcdistrict1.

Blood Drive Is Today

The Regional Medical Center Blood Bank will have a blood drive in Dawson Springs today (Thursday).

The drive will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Dawson Springs High School.



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Panthers Come From Behind To Win



KENT WORKMAN stops Alexis Smith as she tags third during the Panthers' softball game against Hopkinsville High School Monday, May 7, at the municipal park. The Panthers beat the Tigers 9-7.

Under cloudy skies with rain threatening at the municipal park Monday, the Panther softball team hoped to hold on to a 4-3 lead through the visitor's half of the fifth inning in case the rains came.

Hopkinsville High School had another idea as they scored three runs to take a 6-4 lead as light rain fell.

However, the rain slowed to a stop, and the Panthers' bats and some poor defense from the Tigers allowed the home team to come from behind and escape with a 9-7 victory.

"I was proud of the way we hit the ball," Panther head coach Kent Workman said. "This is the third game in a row our batters are adjusting to what they are facing."

The win came without Kristin Peek who has a hamstring injury.

"Everyone covered for her (Peek) well," Workman said.

With the win the Panthers improved their record to 7-16 while the Tigers dropped to 5-13.

In the bottom of the first the Panthers got on the board first when Jalyn Walls doubled and scored on an error

following India Robinson's bunt.

The Tigers went ahead in the second, scoring three runs on five hits.

In the bottom of the inning, the Panthers came back with three of their own. Carly Bruce and Tiki Robinson each reached base on errors, and Alexis Smith walked to load the bases. Courtney Copeland delivered a two-RBI single. Walls then scored Smith with a single to left.

Trying to hold the lead in case of rain, the Panthers gave up three in the top of the fifth with the help of a couple of errors. The Tigers then had the lead with light rain falling.

The Panthers got one back in the bottom of the inning when Walls reached on an error and scored two batters later, thanks to another error off the bat of Halyn Burden.

As the rain let up, the Panthers scored four in the sixth after holding the Tigers in the top of the inning. Again these runs were compliments of several Hopkinsville errors.

With one out, pinch hitter Hannah

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Panthers Taste Revenge

By
Laura A. Field

After being handed an 8-5 loss by the Caldwell County Tigers two weeks ago, the Panther softball team was out for revenge when the two teams met Saturday, May 5, in Princeton.

The result, a 9-7 win for the Panthers over a district rival.

"We kept preaching to the girls when we played Caldwell the first time about our pitch selection," said head coach Kent Workman.

"The difference this time was that we made adjustments to the pitcher early and started scoring right off the bat," he added.

The Panthers were primed for vic-

tory and kicked the game off with three runs in the first inning.

With India Robinson and Halyn Burden on second and third, respectively, Bradleigh Bruch drove them home with a single. Whitney Copeland then singled and reached third when Carly Bruce reached first on an error. Whitney Copeland scored on a passed ball.

Caldwell County answered with an unearned run of their own in the bottom of the first.

In the second, Courtney Copeland led off for the Panthers with a walk and moved to third on Robinson's double. Both runners scored on Whitney Copeland's single to left field.

The Tigers again answered with six

runs in the second making the score 7-5 in their favor. However, the Panthers held their rival scoreless for the remainder of the game.

The Panthers were scoreless in the third, but added a run in the fourth. India Robinson led off with a single and scored on Whitney Copeland's base hit up the middle.

In the fifth, Tiki Robinson reached first base on a dropped third strike and scored on Walls' double. After India Robinson reached on a bunt, Bruch drove both runners home with a double.

"We are peeking at the right time," Workman said. "We are hitting the

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PANTHER SHORT STOP Halyn Burden tags out a Webster County runner as she slides into second during the teams' game Tuesday, May 1, at the municipal park. The Trojans beat the Panthers 14-3.

Panthers Wallop Russellville

By
Laura A. Field

Adjustments are a part of life, and the Panther softball team is learning that lesson early.

"In so many games prior to this one when we had problems with a team's pitcher we never made an adjustment," said Panther head coach Kent Workman.

This time, Workman didn't take any chances when the Russellville Panthers came to town Friday, May 4. His team apparently got the message and stepped up.

"After our first inning, we talked to the girls about making some adjust-

ments for the pitcher's speed. Then we started hitting the ball."

The result was a 15-0 win over Russellville in a game shortened to four innings because of the mercy rule.

The Panthers were scoreless in the first, but took Workman's message to heart and scored one in the second when Bradleigh Bruch and Whitney Copeland hit consecutive doubles.

They turned up the heat in the third batting through the lineup. Courtney Copeland reached on an error and scored on Jalyn Walls' double. India Robinson bunted Walls to third where she scored on a passed ball, and India Robinson moved to third. Kris-

tin Peek then reached on a bunt and advanced to second while India Robinson scored. Halyn Burden walked and Bruch was hit by a pitch loading the bases. Whitney Copeland drove in two with a single, and Carly Bruce walked to load the bases again. After an out, Courtney Copeland singled home a run, and Walls doubled in two more giving the Panthers a 9-0 lead.

The bats remained hot for the Panthers in the fourth as they tacked on six more runs. Peek led off with a single but was removed from the game after pulling a hamstring. Burden singled, and one out later, Whitney

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Union, Webster Top Softball Team Easily

Strong batting and solid pitching by the Union County Braves kept the Panthers on the losing end of a lop-sided softball game Thursday, May 3, at Union County, just two days after losing to Webster County at home.

The Braves beat the Panthers 10-0 in a game shortened to five innings because of the 10-run rule.

"They are a solid team. We just didn't hit their pitcher very well at all," said Panther head coach Kent

Workman.

The Braves came on strong in the first inning with four runs on four hits.

The Braves added one in the second on a solo home run and racked up five more, including another solo home run, in the third after batting around the lineup.

"They are a really good hitting

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RECOGNIZED THURSDAY, May 3, during a senior recognition ceremony at Riverside Park are team manager Kurstie Woolsey (second from left) with her grandmother Bobbie Woolsey, Ben Puckett (23) with his parents Kati Griffin and Larry Puckett, Travis Giffin (12) with his parents Troy and Terry Giffin, and Todd Bullock (4) with his parents Barry and Chris Bullock.

Photo submitted

Fort Campbell Hangs 2 Losses On Panthers

"Let's play two," former Chicago Cub Hall of Famer Ernie Banks was quoted as saying.

That's what the Panther baseball team did May 3 at Riverside Park when Fort Campbell visited and swept the Panthers 16-6 and 8-1.

The Falcons improved to 13-13 with the wins while the Panthers' record dropped to 2-17.

In the opener, the Falcons scored six times in the first which was enough for the win.

However, the Panthers struck for three in their half of the first to cut the lead in half.

Brad Puckett singled with one out

and Todd Bullock reached on an error. Gage Brewer then reached second on an error, scoring both runners. He scored after two wild pitches.

In the second, the Falcons added three more unearned runs to increase the lead to 9-3.

Once again the Panthers struck back, this time scoring two to make the score 9-5.

Alan Black led off with a double and scored on two wild pitches. After one out, Dylan Simpson singled and advanced to third with a stolen base and wild pitch. He was driven home when Bullock reached on an error.

Fort Campbell tacked on six more in the fourth, all unearned, then put the game away with their final run in the fifth.

Bullock pitched the entire game for the Panthers giving up eight hits while striking out six, walking seven and hitting three. Ten of the Falcons 16 runs were unearned as the Panthers' defense committed nine errors.

"We didn't play to our potential," Panther head coach Adam Locke said. "We made a lot of defensive mistakes (but) we did hit the ball better."

"In order to compete better, we need to put the ball in play at the plate and make the easy plays in the field."

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Panthers	3	2	0	0	0	5	6	9

In game two, the Falcons struck first, scoring one unearned run in the first and two unearned runs in the third for a 3-0 lead. In the fourth, the Falcons pushed across their lone earned run before tacking on four more of the unearned variety in the fifth.

The Panther defense made 10 errors which allowed the seven unearned runs while the offense outhit the Falcons four to one.

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Panthers Rack Up Errors, Not Runs

"Caldwell is a solid ball club," Panther baseball head coach Adam Locke said after his team was beaten 15-2 in Princeton Saturday.

"But we should compete with them better than we did in this game," Locke added while speaking of his team's 13 errors and having only one hit.

The Tigers struck for seven in the first and five in the third for a 12-0 lead before the Panthers got on the board with one in the fourth.

Caldwell County added three more in the bottom of the fourth before the Panthers scored again in the fifth.

The game was called after the Panthers' at bat in the fifth due to the 10-run rule.

Todd Bullock and Travis Giffin scored the Panthers' runs, while Ben Puckett provided the only hit for the visitors.

The Panthers dropped to 2-17 on the year with the loss while the Tigers improved to 18-11, good for second in the region.

Lyon County visited Riverside Park Tuesday to face the Panthers (the score was not known at press time). The final regular season game will be May 19 at Whitesville Trinity.

Dr. Shaq And Anthony Davis Had Good Week

SPORTS IN KENTUCKY



BOB WATKINS

“Life is painting a picture, not creating a sum (of money)”
—Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.

A bit of Holmes wisdom sets a rhythm for a post-Derby week, right?

First, a photo from a college graduation in Lexington with Darius Miller and Eloy Vargas in cap and gown depicts young men prepared to paint the next grid on life’s picture. We are especially hopeful for Miller. The man’s knack for making good impressions and good decisions and right place, right time, look promising.

From Miami, Fla., there is another photograph. It’s larger than life as we know it, of arguably the ultimate image of a role model — a hero — in a cap and gown is Doctor Shaquille O’Neal, Ph.D.

Yes, Shaq of LSU and NBA lore, is painting the next segment of his life picture, too.

There are three reasons Shaq has a new title. He promised his parents he would earn a college degree; wanted to continue his education; and “I wanted to challenge myself,” he said.

Endearing too, Dr. O’Neal’s thesis — The Value of Humor in Leadership.

Next stop for Shaq? Law school.

ANTHONY DAVIS STAR TREK

When Anthony Davis’ trek across basketball’s universe continues, maybe the super moon last week was a sign.

When Davis pens an autobiography one day, the joys of his late teens will have to read like fanciful and exaggerated fiction. A reader will be bound to conclude, “That many dreams-come-true in a year’s time? C’mon, man! No way!”

Last week the ex-Kentucky star, who a year ago was a skinny kid in Chicago, was at Churchill Downs, special guest at the 138th Kentucky Derby. At a little before the super moon rise, he draped the blanket of roses onto I’ll Have Another. A day earlier Davis was told he is one of 18 candidates invited to try out for the U.S. Olympics Team for the London Games in August.

America. I love this place!
INDIANA-KENTUCKY

Tom Crean’s Hoosiers won’t be playing in Rupp Arena next season. The popular border rivalry was suspended because Kentucky’s John Calipari demanded it not be played on IU’s campus.

Views from here ...

- We live in a peculiar time. A college coach informs his director of athletics the basketball team will not play at another school’s campus and the AD does as he’s told.

- In new era college hoop\$ — traditions, rivalries, fan favorite series have given way to big money, big egos and win at whatever it costs. Calipari doesn’t like the SEC Tournament; he won’t take his team to Bloomington; and a series with North Carolina won’t be renewed.

A couple shots were fired across Calipari’s bow last week. One national writer said Cal was afraid of losing at Rupp Arena next winter to presumed No. 1 ranked Indiana, ending his three-year unbeaten run at Rupp.

Another said, “Calipari doesn’t care what you care about.”

- A fan poll by the Evansville Courier on UK-IU said 63 percent agreed with Crean, the game should be played on campus.

- A more revealing number for me was the seven percent. Fans who voted “let the series go. If UK and IU are good enough, they’ll meet in the NCAA Tournament.”

- Proving, when one door closes, another opens, an Indiana-Louisville game or series is a natural and could have as much or more star power to attract CBS Sports. Crean’s team and Rick Pitino’s are experienced and pre-season rated in top three.

- What happens to Kentucky’s

vacated December date with Indiana? With North Carolina going off the schedule also, season ticket holders can probably expect some combination of visits from Fairleigh Dickinson, Southern Utah, Delaware, Presbyterian or another lightweight to sell out Rupp Arena.

WORTH REPEATING DEPARTMENT

Kentucky signee Willie Cauley on choosing UK over Kansas State, Alabama and Florida: “They have everything. My thing was, do I have the confidence, right now, to be successful there? Standing up to the hype is the hardest thing about Kentucky.”

Listed as a 6-10, 215-pound center, Cauley will have time to grow his game, practicing every day against shot blocker Nerlens Noel and grow up to handle pressures of playing in Rupp Arena. He looks destined for an Eloy Vargas role — game relief for Noel.

BARNHART-IU

A statement issued by Director of Athletics Mitch Barnhart on the UK-IU stoppage last week was typically (weak) spin and wrap-in-the-flag.

“We were contacted by Indiana ... (said) they were moving on for the 2012-13 season and would revisit continuing the series at a later date.

“Our desire to play the series at a neutral site was due mainly to the success of the series from 1992-2006. It allowed the fans of both schools to enjoy the experience of one of the

greatest rivalries every year.”

Peculiar, Barnhart had to search back six seasons to make his point?

Bottom line: Heading to 2012-13, (soaring) Kentucky nor (revivalist) Indiana needs the other.

Region rival replacement-for-now candidates for both are promising. For Kentucky, SEC newcomer Missouri and talked-about series with Kansas. For Indiana, Rick Pitino’s Louisville Cardinals.

PARTING SHOT(S)

- A reader wrote: “Is John Calipari a legitimate candidate for the basketball Hall of Fame?” He answered his own question: “The only national pundit I hear talking about Cal being a potential HOF coach is (Dick) Vitale.”

- Another reader wrote: “If Kentucky fans had a single personality they most love to hate, who would it be? My vote would be Rick Pitino with Christian Laettner right behind. What say you?”

Answer: Bob Knight is Kentucky’s longest running antagonist. A Hall of Fame coach and competent national basketball analyst, he still has a pulpit — ESPN.

Knight’s well documented resentment toward Kentucky keeps it interesting. But, it doesn’t make him unique.

And so it goes.

You can reach Bob Watkins at sprt-sinky@aol.com.

KENTUCKY AFIELD OUTDOORS

Population Models Help Biologists Manage Deer Herd

By
Art Lander Jr.

Population models help biologists manage deer herds. “Models enable deer man-

agers to input information to track population trends,” said Tina Brunjes, deer and elk program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. “The two

basic questions are: how many deer were born and how many died.”

Models are objective, mathematical indicators of populations. They provide herd managers with a better understanding of the factors that cause a population to increase or decrease.

“When you boil it down, you have to know what’s driving the population,” said Brunjes. “You need to factor in the birth rate, weather, quality of habitat and mortality; be it from hunting, or compensatory mortality such as accidents, disease, coyote predation of fawns, or vehicle/deer collisions.”

Before computers, deer managers used pens, paper and calculators to compute statistics on deer herds. Today, they use spreadsheets.

Kentucky’s deer herd is managed on a county level, so there are 120 sets of data to be analyzed each year after the close of hunting in January.

“Population models need a large data set to be effective,” said Brunjes. “They are used for large, landscape level monitoring, but are not suited for 1,000-acre deer leases.”

A good model detects population trends quickly, after factoring in all the intangibles, which includes crop damage complaints, deer/vehicle collisions and the number of landowners or hunters expressing

concerns about deer numbers.

“Our population model gives us an estimate of deer per square mile,” said Brunjes. “From that number, we have a pretty good idea if the population density is over, under or on target, based on the county’s zone status.”

An understanding of the impact of many factors is needed to recommend season lengths and bag limits.

In 1986, after evaluating several computerized deer population simulation programs, Kentucky deer managers selected the program Deer Camp, which used harvest data from previous seasons to generate estimates of the number of deer that would be present in a county when the next season opened.

Deer Camp is one of several deer population models that have been used in recent decades by deer managers across the country. Wisconsin, for example, has used the SAK (Sex-Age-Kill) deer population model since the 1960s.

In 2002, Kentucky deer managers adopted the Down-

ing Reconstruction model. Brunjes said this model is used in nearly all the southeastern states. Harvest data enables managers to determine the age and sex composition of the herd and also tracks recruitment, or the number of fawns per doe.

Deer herds don’t go through

boom or bust cycles.

“It takes years for management changes to be detectable,” said Brunjes. “Managing deer herds by regulated sport hunting is a long term commitment.”

These management models provide a long term benefit to Kentucky hunters.

Birding Bonanza Scheduled At LBL Saturday, May 12

Land Between The Lakes (LBL) National Recreation Area invites all bird lovers to Woodlands Nature Station for a Birding Bonanza on Saturday, May 12.

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“If you like birds, Birding Bonanza is the day for you,” said Nature Station naturalist

Carrie Szwed. “We will be celebrating International Migratory Bird Day, the annual holiday on the second Saturday of May that honors earth’s most amazing international travelers, the migratory birds.”

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Panthers Fall To Falcons At Home

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“We were the better offensive team in this game,” Locke said. “We showed signs of improvement at the plate and on the bases, but we are still allowing too many free bases to our opponents.”

Brad Puckett singled for the Panthers in the first, but it was their only hit until the sixth inning when the home team scored their only run.

Brewer led the inning off with a walk and scored on Travis Giffin’s RBI double.

Brewer and Bullock singled in the seventh but were left stranded.

Brad Puckett and Matt Snell combined to limit the Falcons to only one hit while striking out four, walking four and hitting one batter.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Ft. Camp.	1	0	2	1	4	0	0	8	1	1
Panthers	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	10

Panthers Get Win Against Caldwell

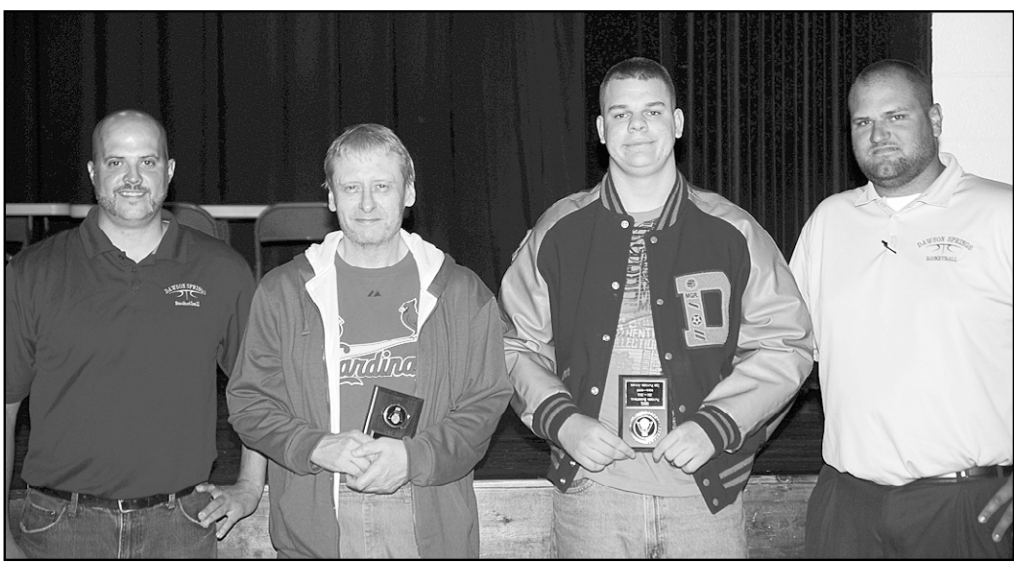
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ball well and scoring.”

Courtney Copeland was credited with the win, throwing 73 strikes from the mound, allowing nine hits and seven runs, two of which were earned.

The Panthers improved their record to 6-16 with the win.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Panthers	3	2	0	1	3	0	0	9	16	5
Tigers	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	7	9	3



PANTHER BASKETBALL head coach Jeff Miller (left) and assistant coach Christian Klaas (right) present the Panther Award to Mike Howton and Andrew Moore for being the basketball team’s biggest fans this season.

Photo submitted

Softball Team Comes From Behind To Win

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Winters was hit by a pitch. Madison Riggs came in to run for Winters and advanced to second when Courtney Copeland walked. Walls then reached on an error to load the bases. After the second out, Burden delivered a base hit which scored two but also scored Walls due to an error. Burden then scored on a wild pitch to give the Panthers a 9-6 lead entering the seventh inning.

Hopkinsville scored once in the top of the final inning to get within two runs but then left runners on second and third when Courtney Copeland struck out the final batter of the game.

“Courtney did a good job,” Workman said. “She’s working really hard and getting more confident.”

Crittenden County hosted the Panthers Tuesday (the score was not known at press time). The Rockets beat the Panthers 15-12 at the municipal park April 10.

The remaining regular season games are all at home for the Panthers. Butler County is scheduled to play today (Thursday).

The game scheduled for Monday against McLean County will probably be canceled or rescheduled due to a district



KRISTEN AUSTIN catches a fly ball as India Robinson moves in also for the catch during the Panthers’ game Monday, May 7, against Hopkinsville High School. The Panthers beat the Tigers 9-7 at the municipal park.

make-up game for the Cougars. University Heights visits on May 15, and the regular season finale is scheduled for May 18 at home against Todd County Central.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Hoptown	0	3	0	0	3	0	1	7	11	7
Panthers	1	3	0	0	1	4	x	9	8	4

Union, Webster Easily Handle Softball Team

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team, and they hit the ball well,” Workman said.

Things began to look up for the Panthers in the fourth. Carly Bruce got the Panthers’ first hit of the game, moving Bradleigh Bruch to third. However, the runners were stranded.

The Panthers got their only other hit of the game in the fifth when Courtney Copeland delivered a two-out single.

Courtney Copeland picked up the loss for the Panthers, striking out one Union batter, walking two and allowing 13 hits. Seven of those hits were earned.

	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
Panthers	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Braves	4	1	5	0	x	10	13	0

In the Webster County game, the Trojans put away the Panthers 14-5.

Walls and Kristin Peek had singles in the first inning, but the Panthers didn’t score.

The Trojans scored one if the first, three in the second

and five in the third to go up 9-0.

Things heated up for the Panthers in the fourth when Bruch led off with a single and Bruce followed with a double. After Whitney Copeland bunted to load the bases, Kristen Austin walked to score one run. Halyn Burden then grounded out to score a second run.

Both teams were scoreless in the fifth and sixth, but the Trojans scored four in the top of the seventh for a 14-2 lead.

Again the Panthers responded but it was too little, too late. With one out in the final inning, Walls reached on an error, then after another out Peek walked. Bruch then delivered a two-out, two-RBI double and scored on a double by Whitney Copeland.

Courtney Copeland suffered the loss after giving up 16 hits. Ten of the Trojans’ runs were earned.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Trojans	13	5	1	0	0	4	14	16	1	
Panthers	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	10	2	

Panthers Wallop Russellville 15-0

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Copeland hit an RBI double. During Bruce’s at bat, which resulted in a walk, Burden and Whitney Copeland scored on a passed ball and wild pitch. Tiki Robinson and Courtney Copeland each walked to load the bases. Walls then singled in a run. India Robinson walked in a run, and Kristen Austin, in Peek’s position in the lineup, walked in the 15th and final run.

Courtney Copeland got the win for the Panthers. She threw 32 strikes in 49 pitches, allowed three hits and no runs while striking out two.

Early in the game, Peek pulled a hamstring stretching to catch a ball being thrown to her at first base. At bat in the

fourth, she put a ball in the gap in left center. An easy double, Workman said, Peek was barely able to run to first base. As a result, she will be out the rest of the season.

“I’m not going to take a chance on hurting her more. We have two weeks before district, maybe she will be back by then,” Workman said.

Peek is currently leading the team in batting.

“We need her back. She’s consistent, and she can play in two or three different spots if we need her to,” Workman said.

The Panthers improved their record to 5-16 with the win.

	1	2	3	4	R	H	E
R’ville	0	0	0	0	0	3	2
Panthers	0	1	8	6	15	12	0

President Obama Congratulates Kentucky Wildcats

By
Katie Perkowski
The Winchester Sun

The Big Blue Nation invaded the East Room of the White House Friday afternoon as President Barack Obama honored the 2012 National Championship team in front of a packed room filled with cheering fans, family members and friends.

Obama especially commended the players’ ability to play as a team and said because of that ability, they were able to “do something special right

away.”

“My understanding is when you recruited these players, Coach started off by asking them some simple questions: ‘Do you want to win a national title?’ The answer was ‘yes.’ ‘Can you do it by yourself?’ The answer was ‘no,’” Obama said. “You took a roster with six former All Americans and got them to do something even more impressive, and that was share the ball.”

“Nobody averaged more than nine shots a game. If you didn’t play defense, you didn’t play. And as a result, the Wild-

cats started winning. At one point they won 24 straight and spent the final eight weeks of the season rated No. 1, they cruised through the tournament, (and) trailed for less than 10 minutes total before beating Kansas in front of 70,000 fans at the Superdome.”

Obama gave a shoutout to Anthony Davis as a prime example of a team player.

“Nobody’s ever seen somebody who didn’t have a lot of field goals and yet still controlled the game, still ended up being the most valuable player,” Obama said.

He later poked fun at the Chicago native, saying he had “grown an inch since he got to the White House,” and recalled crossing paths with the 6’10 forward a time before.

“I have to say that after the game, I called the team and I mentioned to Anthony that I had actually been to his school ... in Chicago when I was still a senator, and I spoke to kids there. And he told me ‘Yea I was there,’” Obama said as the crowd laughed. “I didn’t recognize him; he looked a little different.”

Eloy Vargas and Darius Miller got official graduation

congratulations from the president, and he commended them for their community service in the Lexington community as well.

“A whole bunch of these guys are going on to the NBA. Who knows, one of them might end up here in Washington,” he said as the crowd cheered.

Coach John Calipari, speaking after the president, said the team was honored and humbled to be at the White House.

“This team, when they won that championship on that court in New Orleans, they were jumping up and down, not say-

ing ‘We did it, we won!’ They were saying ‘We’re going to the White House! We’re going to the White House!’” Calipari said, drawing laughs from the crowd. “Because they wanted to meet you.

“I’d like our seniors, Darius Miller, to give you his No. 1 jersey that he wore for four years; Eloy Vargas has a ball that the team has signed (Vargas tossed the ball to the president), and the guy from your home city would like to present you with a 2012 national championship ring, and I might say, it is the first.”



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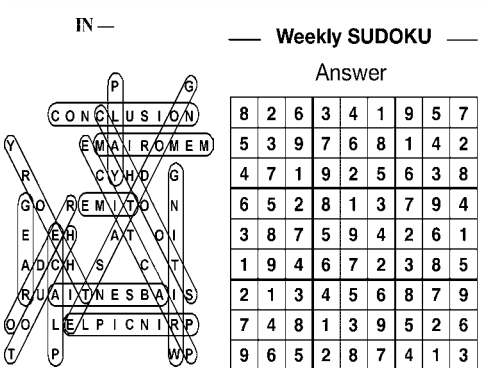
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CONTRACT BRIDGE

by Steve Becker

The Better Way

East dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q 10 4 2
♥ A 3
♦ 10 4
♣ K 10 6 2

WEST
♠ 6 3
♥ 7 5
♦ K 8 7 6 5 2
♣ 8 7 4

SOUTH
♠ K J 9 8 5
♥ 10 6 2
♦ A Q
♣ Q 9 3

The bidding:
East 1♥
South 1♠
West Pass
North 4♠
Opening lead — seven of hearts.

There is a lot of guesswork in bridge, but a substantial amount of it can be overcome by careful play.

Take this case where you're in four spades and West leads a heart. When dummy comes down, you see that your only possible losers are a heart, a diamond and two clubs.

You realize that the diamond loser can be eliminated with a successful diamond finesse, and that one of the two club losers also can be avoided if you guess which way to take the two-way finesse against the jack.

You may therefore feel that the outcome depends largely on whether or not this is your lucky day. But if you consider the matter more carefully, you realize that making the contract is an absolute certainty, and that it does not matter how the missing cards are divided.

Accordingly, you win the heart lead with the ace, cash the K-A of trumps and play a heart from dummy. East wins with the jack and presumably returns a low diamond.

Now, though it might go against your natural instincts, you go up with the ace, deliberately rejecting the opportunity to finesse the queen. You do this because by doing so you guarantee the contract 100 percent. Next you ruff your last heart in dummy and then exit with a diamond.

At this point, it does not matter which opponent wins the diamond. The next play is bound to be either a club, which automatically eliminates one of your two potential club losers, or a diamond or heart, which allows you to ruff in dummy as you discard a club from your hand. Either way, you're home free and clear.

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You Ewes and Rams will find your ideas cheered by a mostly receptive flock. Those few dissenters could well be turned around by your charm and powers of persuasion.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's time for the bold and beautiful Bovine to shake off the dust of the past and shape up with new ideas for the future. This could surprise some folks, but they'll soon adjust.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Those nagging new doubts about an upcoming decision should alert you to step back (at least temporarily) so you can reassess its potential impact from a new perspective.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) That unpleasant situation you hoped would go away by itself needs immediate attention before it affects an upcoming decision. Expect your supporters to rally around your cause.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're moving up and away from that recent setback. But remain cautious about finances. An exercise in thrift today helps cushion a possible end-of-the-month money squeeze.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're still dealing with overtones of pessimism that cause you to doubt your ability to make some needed changes. But the negative pressures will ease up by week's end.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) There could be some fallout from the way you handled a recent family problem. But

those who know that you were in the right won't hesitate to step in on your behalf.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Financial strains ease by week's end. Meanwhile, focus on cultivating that new relationship if you hope to have it blossom into something more meaningful.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Health matters once again dominate the week. Be careful not to ignore recurrences of an old problem. An almost-forgotten commitment resurfaces.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The emergence of an unusual selfish streak could dismay those close to you. Defy it -- don't justify it -- so you can become your gracious self again.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Reassess your decision to stay with the status quo. It might seem like the sensible thing to do right now, but changes around you could make that choice a risky one.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Move decisively but cautiously when dealing with a delicate personal matter. The fewer mistakes you make now, the less likely it is that the problem will recur later on.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can find beauty where many cannot. And you enjoy sharing your discovery with others.

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PEOPLE

Natural Heritage Exhibit On Display At Pennyrile

In celebration of its 35th anniversary, the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission has assembled a photo exhibit that is touring the state and includes a stop at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park.

The exhibit is made up of nature photographs mostly from the book, "Kentucky's Natural Heritage: An Illustrated Guide to Biodiversity," which presents a persuasive argument for conservation of the state's biodiversity.

Organized by a team from the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission, the book

is richly detailed and illustrated with more than 250 color photos, maps and charts, showing off the commonwealth's amazing diversity.

The photographs, printed on aluminum to give a unique look, will be on display during the month of May in the Clifty Creek Restaurant at the lodge of Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park, where the book is also available for purchase.

To learn more about the exhibit and view some of the photographs, visit: naturepreserves.ky.gov/Pages/exhibit.aspx



AMONG those attending the "Derby for the Darby Luncheon" at the First Baptist Church fellowship hall Saturday, April 28, are (from left) Cindy Allen, Keli Tolbert and Debbie Cansler.

photo by Janet Summers

Islesley School Reunion Set For May 19 At Southard

A reunion for anyone who attended Islesley School will be held at 2 p.m. May 19 in Southard Christian Church fellowship hall. The church is located off Ky. 112 at Southard. Please

bring a finger food or dessert.

For additional information, phone Jane Russell Johnston, 821-9911; Linda Fox Hartline, 797-8511; or Linda Hoard Hudson, 383-2881.



DRESSED for the Derby Day festivities in downtown Dawson Springs Saturday, April 28, are (from left) Wanda Hughes and Virginia Chaney.

photo by Janet Summers

Ky. All Veterans Reunion Will Be In Lawrenceburg

The 6th annual All Veterans Reunion in Kentucky will be held May 18-19 at the American Legion Fairgrounds in Lawrenceburg. A new feature of this year's reunion will be the Scott Harper Memorial Motorcycle Run and Show.

The Lawrenceburg Fairgrounds, owned and operated by American Legion Post 34, is known for the permanent location of the Healing Field, founded by the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion Department of Kentucky. Each flag at the field honors a service man from Kentucky or stationed at bases in Kentucky killed in Iraq or Afghanistan. The Healing Field at Lawrenceburg is the only one in Kentucky and among the few such memorials throughout the nation.

A candlelight service will be held at the Healing Field at 8 p.m. May 18.

Official opening ceremonies for the reunion will be at noon May 19. There will be live entertainment both Friday and Saturday. A number of vendors offering caps, patches and military memorabilia will also be on hand as will several nonprofit organizations. The motorcycle show will be Saturday afternoon.

The motorcycle run, while being staged as part of the All Veterans Reunion program, will be held May 12. The entry fee for the run, which will begin and end at the Healing Field, is \$10 per bike. The motorcycle show will be held May 19.

For additional information, phone 502-229-8454.

Pennyrile Homemakers To Meet At Darby House

The Pennyrile Homemakers will meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow (Friday) at the Darby House. Virginia Chaney will be the

hostess, and lunch will be served.

For information, phone Sharon Budd at 797-3305.



JESSIE AND MARY ALEXANDER Celebrate 60 years of marriage.

Jessie And Mary Alexander Observe 60th Anniversary

Jessie Glen and Mary Christine Compton Alexander of Dawson Springs celebrated their 60th anniversary with family Saturday.

The couple were married May 9, 1952, in Phoenix, Ariz. Mr. Alexander retired in 1994 after working as an electrician for Tanner Co. in Phoenix.

They have four daughters, Glenda C. Akers and her husband, the Rev. Robert Akers, of Dawson Springs; Rebecca J. Mitchell and her husband Randall of Greenville; Peggy J. Nett of Greenville; and Deborah L. Skelton and her husband

Rick of Madisonville.

Their nine grandchildren are the Rev. Robert G. Akers and his wife Ginger, London; Stacy L. Jones and her husband Troy, Madisonville; the Rev. Rusty Akers and his wife Mandy, Dawson Springs; Scott Mitchell and his wife Ashley, Houston, Texas; Melissa M. Mitchell, Nashville, Tenn.; Sabrina M. Medina and her husband Tyler, Madisonville; Heather N. Nett, Bowling Green; Jeremy L. Skelton and his wife Crystal, Madisonville; and Christie L. Depriest and her husband Daniel, Princeton, Ind.

New Projection Technology Now At LBL's Planetarium

The world's first full-dome, full-color digital planetarium with single lens projection, the MEDIAGLOBE II, arrived at Land Between The Lakes (LBL) National Recreation Area just in time for the 2012 season.

"This compact, full-color dome projection system has thrilled our audiences since we installed it in March," reported former Dawson Springs mayor Ross Workman, the new Golden Pond Planetarium manager.

"The projection range covers our entire dome with vibrant colors, sound, and action by using the '3D astronomical simulation' function. It's amazing," Workman said.

New digital videos will entertain and educate people of all ages. Computer animated programs are offered throughout the day starting at 10 a.m. People can find the complete schedule of planetarium shows and times on LBL's Web site, www.lbl.org, under the "See

and Do" tab. Topics include:

— "The Little Star That Could" teaches how stars are formed.

— "IBEX—Interstellar Boundary Explorer" joins scientists searching for the edge of the solar system.

— "Earth, Moon, and Sun" explores the relationship between the earth, moon, and sun while weaving in Native American traditional stories.

New for this 2012 season only, school teachers can go to any of LBL Planetarium MEDIAGLOBE II programs for free. To take advantage of this introductory offer, teachers must present a valid school administrator or teacher identification card at the point of sale to gain admission for free.

Major funding for the new projection system came from the estate of James T. Ramey through the "Friends of LBL" organization that manages the Planetarium for the Forest Service.

Alyssa Reece Selected For Murray State Honors Camp

Alyssa Reece, a student at Dawson Springs High School, has been invited to participate in the 2012 TQI Summer Honors Camp for Future Educators.

The Murray State University Teacher Quality Institute is hosting the camp for high school students who have completed their junior or senior year and are considering teaching as a career. This week-long campus experience is aimed at allowing the participant to explore careers in teaching and the development of personal leadership skills.

Participants will be introduced to opportunities in education, the teaching/learning process, the college application process, different areas of teaching, opportunities to meet students from diverse backgrounds, personal leadership development, award-winning teachers and educational leaders.

The Summer Honors Camp will be conducted on the cam-



ALYSSA REECE

pus of Murray State University from June 3 through June 7. Participants will be housed in a university residence hall with meals served in a cafeteria on campus.

A limited number of students were invited to participate in the 2012 TQI Summer Honors Camp. Criteria used to select the participants included scholarship, school and community activities, principal and/or teacher recommendation and an expressed interest in teaching as a career.



WINNER of the fourth grade Kentucky Derby Friday, May 4, was Ethan Huddleston.

photo by Beth Dillingham

Fourth Graders Take Part In Derby Day Festivities

Fourth grade students at Dawson Springs Elementary School held the annual running of the Kentucky Derby Friday.

The festivities began with the fourth grade's rendition of My Old Kentucky Home, followed by the Call to the Post

by band instructor, Andy Hall. Students made decorative stick horses and derby hats in preparation for the event.

After the running of six heats, the winner of the 138th Kentucky Derby was Moron Mario, jockeyed by Ethan Huddleston.



BARBARA P'POOLE gives instructions to fourth grade derby entrants before they begin their race Friday, May 4, at the elementary school.

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